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Week ending October 2, 2011

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 2, 2011**. Temperatures cooled off some last week. The southern delta and central Mississippi received rain early to mid week; however, harvesting is continuing at a steady pace. Most of the hay harvest is done for this year. Favorable yields are being reported for soybeans and cotton. Soil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 21 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending October 2, 2011				
Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	99	98	100	94
Cotton, open bolls	97	92	99	94
Cotton, harvested	27	17	68	38
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	97	94	98	96
Peanuts, dug	25	13	--	--
Peanuts, harvested	20	7	37	28
Rice, mature	100	100	100	99
Rice, harvested	76	73	94	76
Sorghum, mature	100	100	100	99
Sorghum, harvested	97	93	99	86
Soybeans, turning color	97	93	99	96
Soybeans, dropping leaves	89	80	94	87
Soybeans, harvested	48	36	75	65
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	65	50	71	52
Winter Wheat, planted	27	16	9	6
Winter Wheat, emerged	16	3	4	2

Crop condition for week ending October 2, 2011					
Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	1	5	27	48	19
Livestock	1	15	35	37	12
Pasture	5	19	33	42	1
Peanuts	0	6	41	53	0
Soybeans	2	6	22	52	18

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 2, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Charleston 1N	88	49	69	69	0	1.10	0.43	1	1.30
Clarksdale	89	52	71	70	1	1.33	0.67	1	3.76
Cleveland	90	43	69	71	-2	3.73	3.02	2	4.37
Tunica	89	43	67	69	-2	0.89	0.26	1	1.95
Extreme/Average	90	43	69	70	-1	1.76	1.07	1	3.36
North-Central									
Batesville 2SW	88	39	67	68	-1	0.35	-0.39	1	3.70
Hickory Flat	86	36	63	67	-4	0.06	-0.75	1	6.32
Holly Springs	89	34	64	66	-2	0.35	-0.48	1	5.25
Independence	87	37	64	68	-4	0.32	-0.41	1	3.30
University	88	39	68	68	0	0.12	-0.72	1	8.36
Extreme/Average	89	34	65	68	-3	0.24	-0.55	1	5.39
Northeast									
Booneville	85	40	64	67	-3	0.13	-0.66	2	9.89
Corinth City	88	39	65	69	-4	0.21	-0.65	1	4.15
Pontotoc Exp	87	40	66	69	-3	0.04	-0.85	1	4.34
Verona Exp	87	41	66	69	-3	0.00	-0.83	0	6.30
Extreme/Average	88	39	65	68	-3	0.10	-0.74	1	6.17
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	88	61	73	71	2	1.51	0.81	2	3.03
Moorhead	89	44	69	72	-3	0.53	-0.25	3	1.87
Rolling Fork	90	45	70	71	-1	3.16	2.39	2	4.73
Yazoo City 5NNE	90	49	73	72	1	1.84	1.09	3	4.09
Extreme/Average	90	44	71	71	0	1.76	0.99	3	3.43
Central									
Canton	87	42	69	71	-2	2.35	1.65	3	8.49
Forest 3S	87	38	70	71	-1	1.13	0.31	2	14.29
Kosciusko	84	44	68	70	-2	1.26	0.45	2	6.75
Winona 5E	86	41	65	66	-1	0.12	-0.68	2	3.76
Extreme/Average	87	38	68	70	-2	1.22	0.45	2	8.32
East-Central									
Aberdeen	86	42	67	69	-2	0.00	-0.86	0	3.58
Columbus	87	45	67	71	-4	0.19	-0.55	2	1.29
Macon 2E	84	42	67	70	-3	0.92	0.20	2	10.03
State University	88	41	68	69	-1	0.18	-0.59	2	6.96
Extreme/Average	88	41	67	70	-3	0.32	-0.47	2	5.47
Southwest									
Crystal Springs	89	47	73	72	1	0.04	-0.89	1	6.12
Natchez	90	44	72	73	-1	0.00	-0.84	0	4.40
Oakley Exp	91			71		1.04	0.41	2	1.07
Vicksburg	88	45	71			0.22		1	6.04
Extreme/Average	91	44	72	72	0	0.33	-0.50	1	4.41
South-Central									
Collins	87	45	71	71	0	0.00	-0.89	0	7.55
Columbia	90	47	73	72	1	1.13	0.27	1	7.73
Monticello	94	46	75	71	4	0.00	-0.80	0	0.45
Raleigh						0.01		1	9.50
Tylertown 2WNW				73		0.95	0.07	2	1.35
Extreme/Average	94	45	73	72	1	0.42	-0.43	1	6.31
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	87	63	75	73	2	0.63	-0.23	1	8.86
Laurel	89			71		0.23	-0.63	3	7.65
Newton Exp	88	40	70	70	0	1.10	0.33	2	7.63
Waynesboro 2W	89	46	74	70	4	0.09	-0.79	1	9.52
Extreme/Average	89	40	73	71	2	0.51	-0.33	2	8.42
State	94	34	69	70	-1	0.69	-0.11	2	5.92

DFN = Departure from Normal.